Attorney Docket No.: 99-113-US-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Anne E. Spinks

Art Unit: 1772

Serial No.:

10/623,278

Examiner: Loney

Filed:

July 18, 2003

Title:

LOW MELT FLOW COMPOSITION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 MAIL STOP PETITION

### PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.137(a) to revive the above-captioned abandoned application, and further petitions to discount the additional time required in filing the response to the September 9, 2005 Office Action against the calculation of any patent term extension granted on any patent issuing on the above-captioned application.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable as demonstrated below.

Applicant submits that no fee for this request should be charged to Applicant due to the fact that it appears that an error on the part of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the Patent Office) caused the application to become abandoned, thereby necessitating this Petition. In the event that the Patent Office disagrees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for this Petition required under 37 CFR 1.17(m) to Deposit Account No. 06-2241.

An Amendment in response to the outstanding September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action is submitted herewith.

The unavoidable delay and the error attributable to the Patent Office are demonstrated by the following facts:

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Fax. No. 571-273-8300 on March 31, 2006.

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- 1) Applicant's valid and correct mailing address was of record in the Patent Office at the time the September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action was mailed (see July 18, 2003 Patent Application Transmittal Letter, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A).
- 2) Applicant's mailing address did not change while the above-captioned application was pending.
- 3) The mailing address on the September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action is not Applicant's correct mailing address (see copy of September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action cover page, which is attached as Exhibit B).
- 4) Applicant never received the September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action from the Patent Office (see Declaration of Allison Johnson, which is attached as Exhibit C).
- 5) On March 25, 2006, Allison Johnson, Applicant's representative, received a Notice of Abandonment dated March 20, 2006, for the above-captioned application. The Notice had been mailed to Allison Johnson, P.A. 2925 Dean Parkway, Suite 300, Minneapolis, MN 55416 by the Patent Office, and then forwarded by the United Stated Post Office to Allison Johnson at 6016 Logan Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55419 (see, id.).
- 6) On March 27, 2006, Allison Johnson downloaded the September 9<sup>th</sup>
  Office action from the Patent Office website and on March 28, 2006 forwarded the same to H.B. Fuller Company (*id.*).

Because the September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action was not addressed to the proper entity and did not include the correspondence address of record, Applicant did not receive the September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action, and therefore could not prepare a timely response thereto. In light of the above, Applicant submits that the abandonment of the above-captioned application was unavoidable.

Applicant further requests that the delay in preparing and submitting this Petition and the attached reply to the September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action not be counted against the calculation of any patent term extension granted on any patent issuing on the above-captioned application.

If deemed appropriate, please charge the Petition fee of \$500.00 required under 37 CFR. 1.17(1) to Deposit Account No. 06-2241.

Please charge any additional fees owing or credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 06-2241.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 31, 2006

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## Transmittal of Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)(1)

### Mail Stop Patent Application

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Presented for filing is a continuation patent application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/401,292, filed September 30, 1999:

Applicants:

ANNE E. SPINKS

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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	11
Claims	2
Abstract	1
Drawing Sheets	1

The fee for filing the application is computed as follows:

Basic Filing Fee	\$750
Total Claims in excess of 20 (0) times \$18	\$0
Independent Claims in excess of 3 (0) times \$84	\$0
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Total Filing Fee	\$750

Certificate of Express Mailing

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10 I certify that this application is being deposited on the date indicated below with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Please do not charge the filing fee of \$750 to Deposit Account 501,171 at this time. Please charge any fees that are required to obtain a filing date to Deposit Account 501,171 referencing the attorney docket number set forth above.

Also enclosed please find:

Declaration and Power of Attorney (signed); and Return receipt postcard.

If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (612) 861-8621.

Please send all correspondence to:

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Respectfully submitted,

Allison Johnson Reg. No. 36,173

Enclosures



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### **DECLARATION OF ALLISON JOHNSON**

I, Allison Johnson, state and declare as follows:

- 1. On March 25, 2006, I received a Notice of Abandonment dated March 20, 2006, from the United States Patent Office (Patent Office) for the above-captioned application. The Notice had been forwarded to my address at 6016 Logan Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55419 by the United States Post Office.
- 2. On March 27, 2006, I downloaded an Office action dated September 9, 2005, pertaining to the above-captioned application, from the Patent Office website.
- 3. On March 28, 2006, I delivered the Notice of Abandonment and the September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action to H.B. Fuller Company. After conducting an inquiry, I determined that prior to this date, H.B. Fuller Company had not previously received the September 9<sup>th</sup> Office action.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under section 1001 Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity

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Date: March 29, 2006

Allison Johnson

Attorney Docket No.: EE-113-US-01

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Applicant:

Anne E. Spinks

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Serial No.:

09/410,292

Examiner: D. Loney

Filed:

October 22, 1999

Title:

LOW MELT FLOW COMPOSITION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## DECLARATION OF ANNE E. SPINKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131

I, Anne E. Spinks, state and declare as follows:

- I am a Research Chemist and have been employed by the H.B. Fuller Company for 14 years.
- 2. Prior to August 14, 1998, I prepared compositions that included polyalphaolefin and adsorbent particles in the percentages set forth in the table below.

Composition	Polyalphaolefin (%)	Adsorbent (%)
1	80	20
2	50	-50
3	47	45
4	47	45
5	42	50

These compositions did not include a film-forming agent.

I recorded the preparation of these compositions in my laboratory notebooks as follows: Composition 1, laboratory notebook number 4332, page 71, and Compositions 2-5, laboratory notebook number 5107, pages 27, 36, 56 and 65, respectively. True and correct copies of the redacted laboratory notebook pages are attached at Exhibit A.

3. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the

validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent on which this statement is directed.

Further I declare not.

Date figurt 21, 2002

Anne E. Spinks
Research Chemist
H.B. Fuller Company
St. Paul, Minnesota

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